



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to William
4 and Charlotte Ralston for being the recipients of the Elmhurst
5 Jaycees' 2004 Distinguished Service Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill and Charlotte have been committed to each
7 other and their community for more than 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill and Charlotte are residents of Elmhurst who
9 have given their time and energy to improve the community; and

10 WHEREAS, The Ralstons have been active members of the First
11 Congregational Church of Christ since 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill served three three-year terms on the
13 Diaconate, three three-year terms on the Board of Trustees, and
14 serves as an usher and greeter at the church; and

15 WHEREAS, Charlotte serves as the Chairman of the Library
16 Committee at the Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill was a Navy pilot in World War II and flew
18 Lockheed PV-1 Ventura bombers from 1942 to 1946; and

19 WHEREAS, He also served as the Crew Chief for the 146th
20 Bomber Squadron and saw action in the South Pacific; and

21 WHEREAS, Since serving his country in battle, Bill has been
22 a tireless supporter of all veterans through his Life
23 Membership of both Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 and
24 Elmhurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Walter A. Glos Post 2048; and

25 WHEREAS, Charlotte is a member of the Elmhurst American
26 Legion Auxiliary Sunshine and Memorial Committee, which sends

1 cards and gifts to Legion members who are ill; and

2 WHEREAS, Bill is the founding member of the Elmhurst
3 Veterans Memorial Commission and played a key role in the
4 creation of the Elmhurst Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park; and

5 WHEREAS, He was appointed in 1988 to a position with the
6 Selective Service System by former Governor James R. Thompson,
7 and he currently serves as Chairman of the DuPage County Area;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bill has also served as an Addison Township
10 Precinct Committeeman for 16 years; and

11 WHEREAS, The Ralstons created, painted, and installed 40
12 wooden crosses at the Elmhurst Veterans Memorial as a small
13 Arlington cemetery to help remember those who have died for
14 their country; and

15 WHEREAS, The Ralstons have constantly put the needs of
16 others above their own; and

17 WHEREAS, Their dedication to community service is a source
18 of inspiration to the entire community and State; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 offer our congratulations to William and Charlotte Ralston for
23 being the recipients of the Elmhurst Jaycees' 2004
24 Distinguished Service Award; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to William and Charlotte Ralston as an expression of
27 our esteem.